

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of managing resources among networked processors that include a host processor and a remote processor, the method comprising:

collecting accounting information from an accounting manager at each of the networked processors, wherein each accounting manager monitors utilization of resources at the networked processor;

receiving an upper limit of resources that may be consumed by the remote processor, the resources including a local resource controlled by the host processor;

releasing [[a]] the local resource controlled by the host processor to the remote processor based on the collected accounting information and if an amount of resources consumed by the remote processor is below the upper limit, the utilization of the local resource maintained within a pre-determined upper threshold; and

if at least one of the upper threshold and the upper limit is exceeded, reducing availability of the local resource to the remote processor by the host processor.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

negotiating an amount of the local resource and an amount of a remote resource between the host processor and the remote processor; and

releasing the amount of the local resource in exchange for receiving the amount of the remote resource.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the releasing and the receiving occur at substantially different times.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising acquiring another resource from one of the processors.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the acquiring and the releasing occur at substantially different times.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the acquiring and the releasing are negotiated indirectly at a centralized location.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising releasing the local resource in exchange for a credit redeemable at a future time.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein reducing availability of the local resource includes lowering a priority of the remote processor.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the releasing is triggered when a user-defined condition is met.

10-36. (Cancelled)